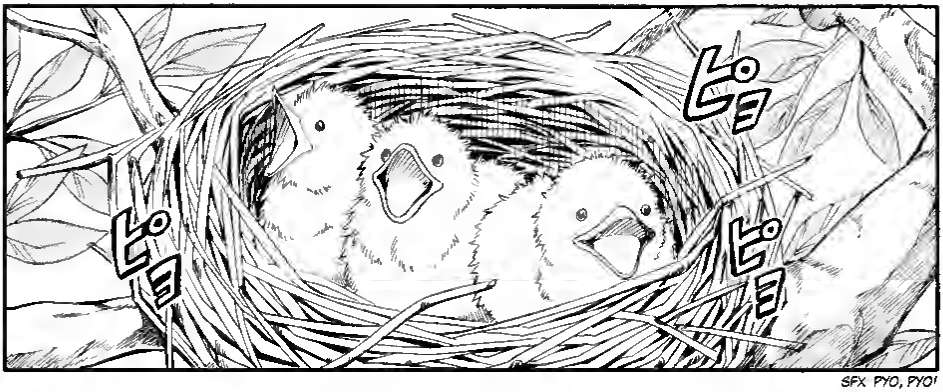
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SFX: PYO, PYO!

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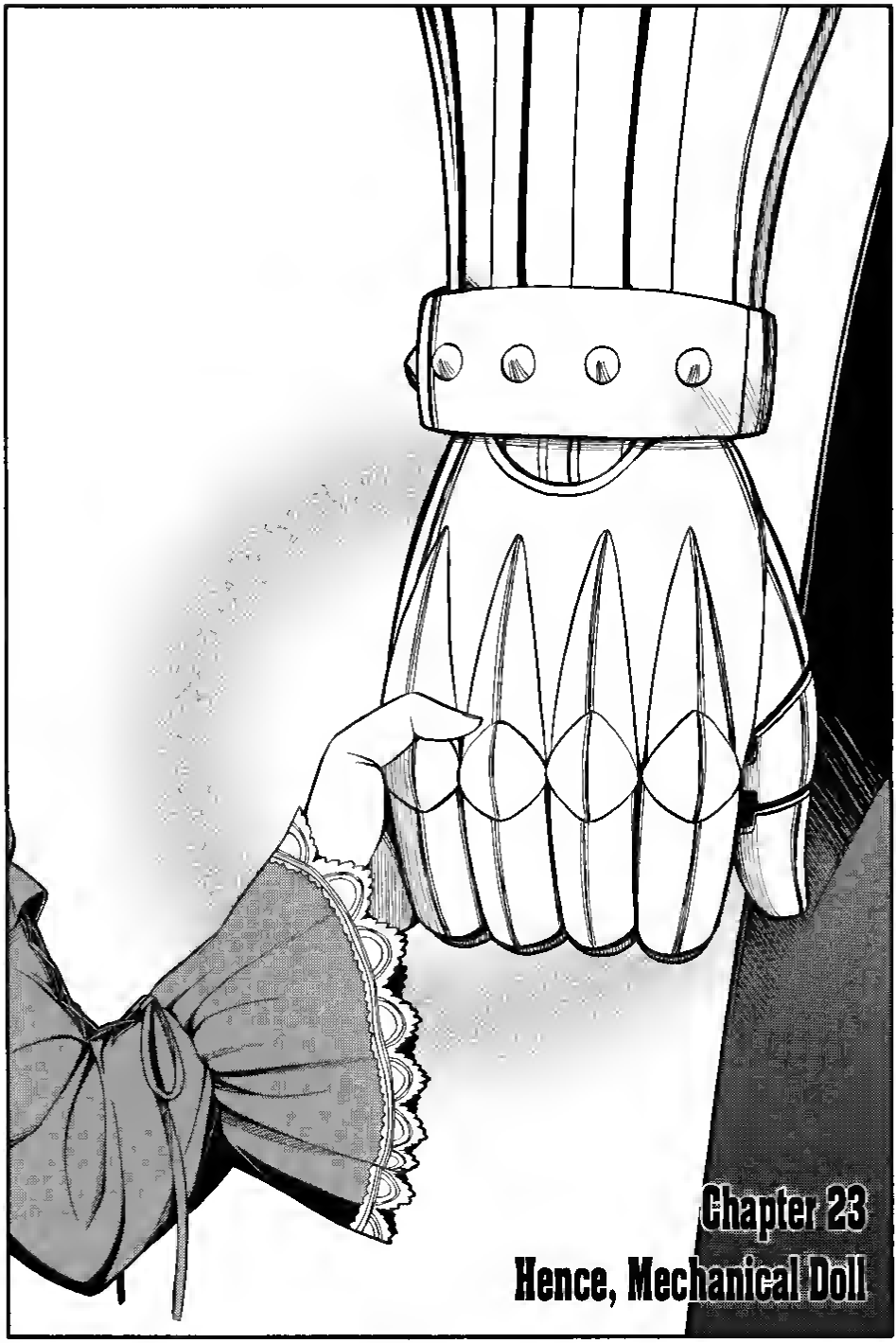
JUST A BIT MORE...
A BIT MORE...
Lady Machina! Don't you think it's dangerous?
SFX: CRACK
KYAA!!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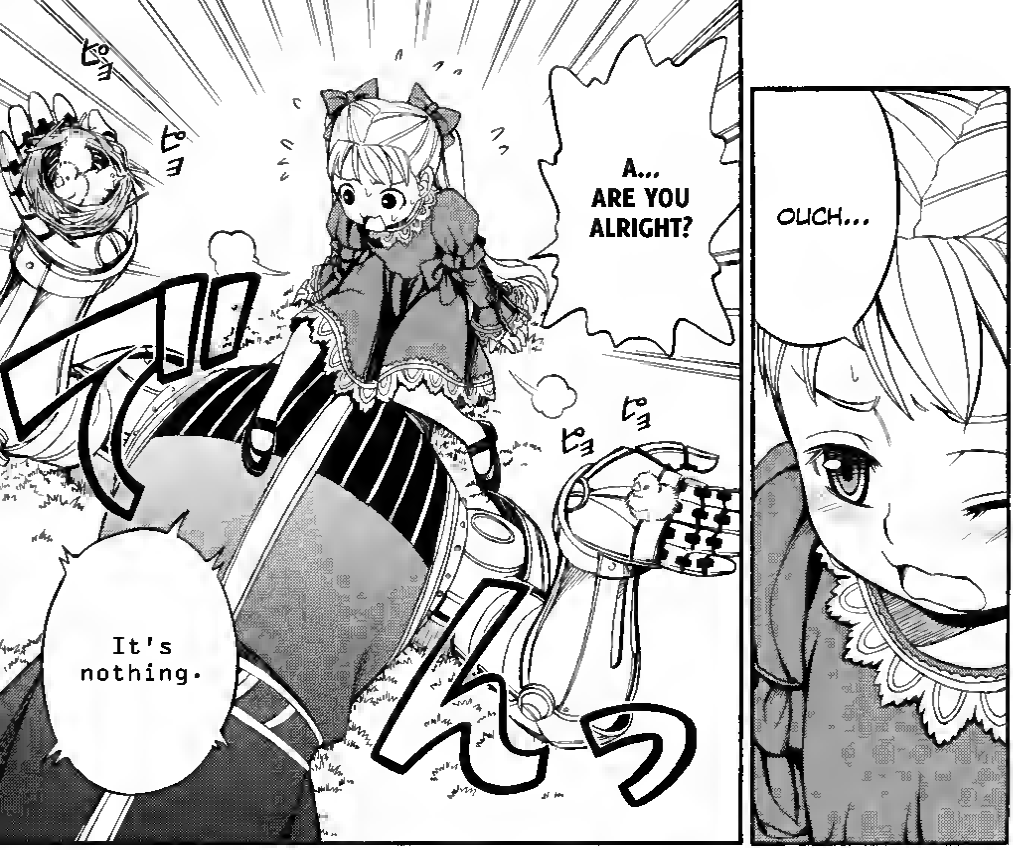
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A... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
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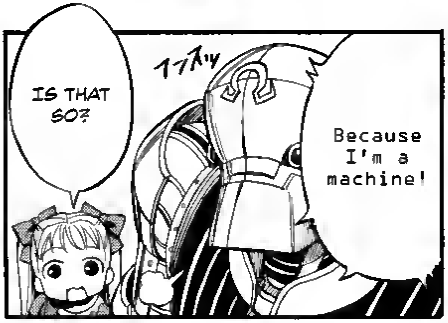
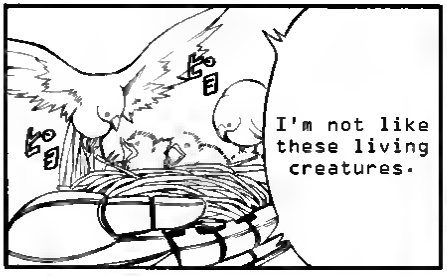
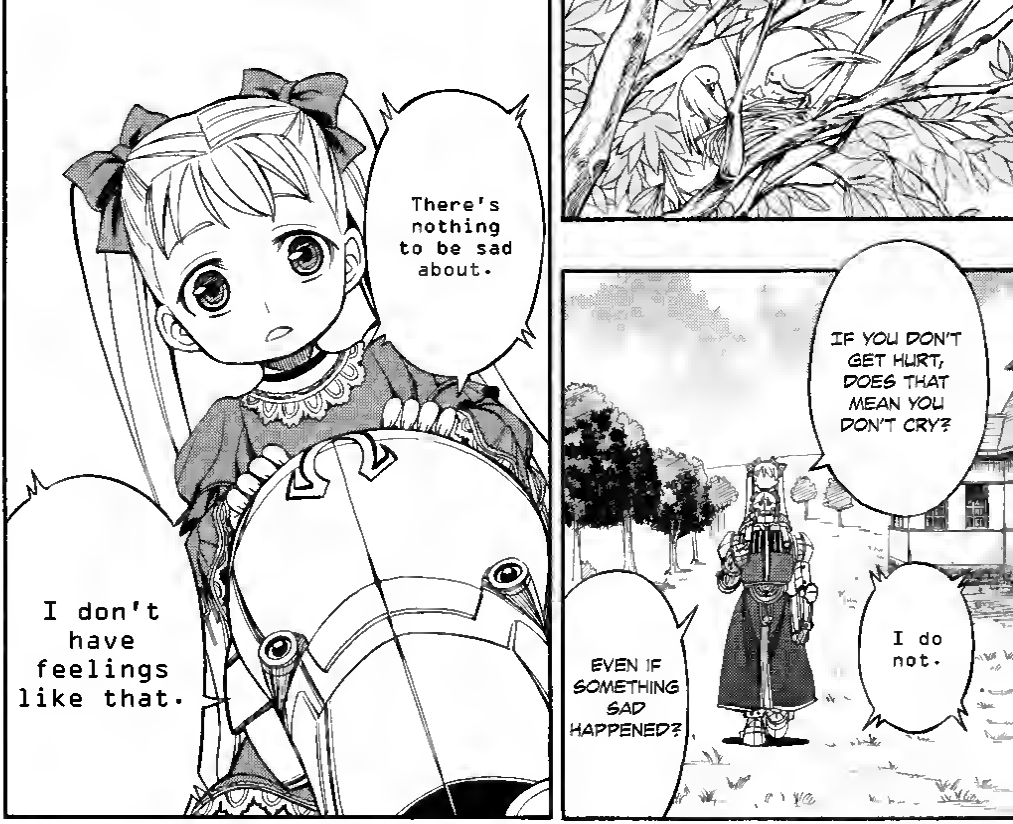
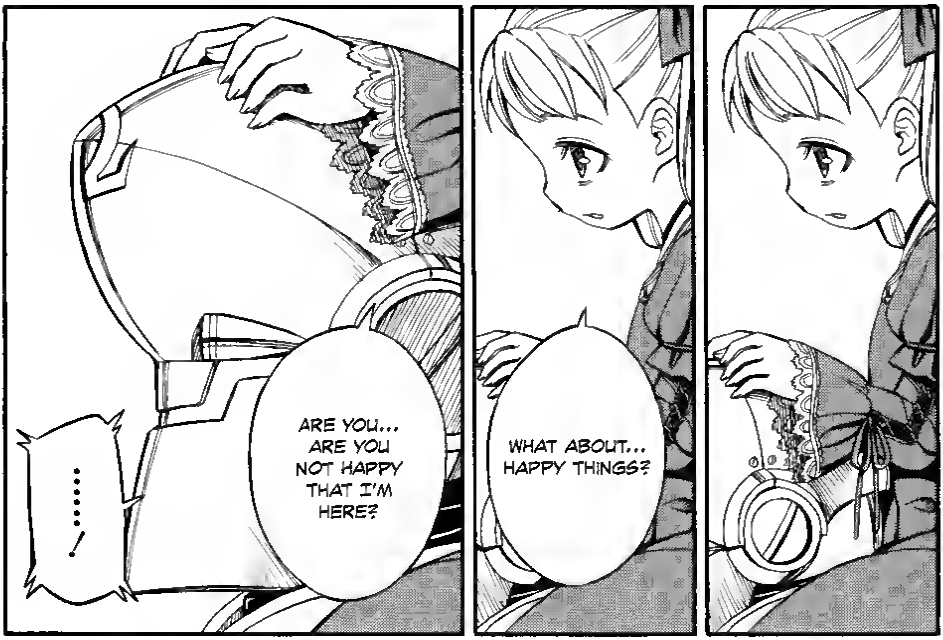
It's nothing.
OUCH...


IS THAT SO?
Because I'm a machine!


I'm not like these living creatures.

ARE YOU HURT? ISN'T IT PAINFUL?
I'm not hurt. It's not painful.


There's nothing to be sad about.
I don't have feelings like that.
IF YOU DON'T GET HURT, DOES THAT MEAN YOU DON'T CRY?
I do not.
EVEN IF SOMETHING SAD HAPPENED?


ARE YOU... ARE YOU NOT HAPPY THAT I'M HERE?
.....!
WHAT ABOUT... HAPPY THINGS?

Lady Machina...
...That's not it...
.....
PUT ME DOWN.
TOMORROW...
IT'S MY BIRTHDAY... TOMORROW.
I'M TURNING EIGHT.
EVEN FATHER SAID,
THAT IT WAS FUN CELEBRATING MY BIRTHDAY...

IT'S... IT'S GONNA BE FUN!
I'LL HAVE A PARTY!
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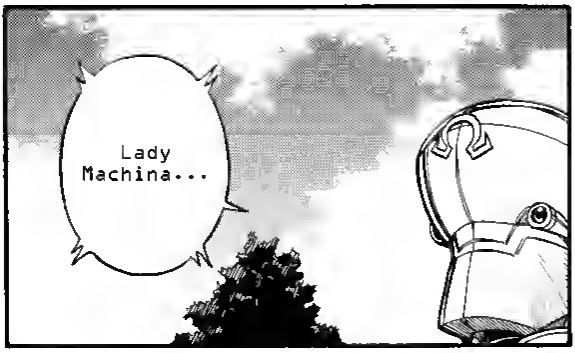
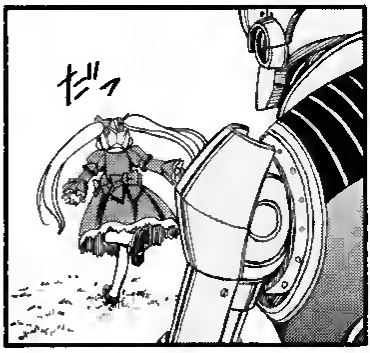

Lady Machina...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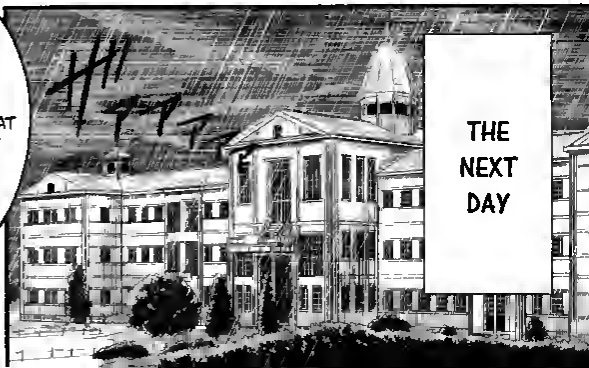
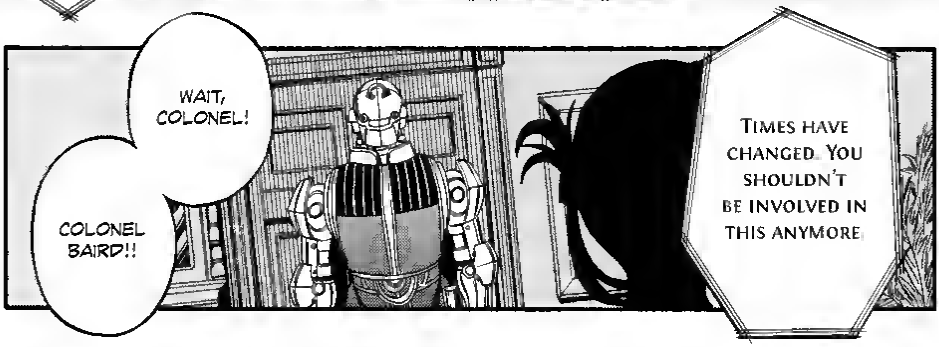
COMMAND MADE THEIR DECISION I CAN'T DO ANYTHING MORE ABOUT IT
WHAT DID YOU SAY? WHAT HAPPENED!?

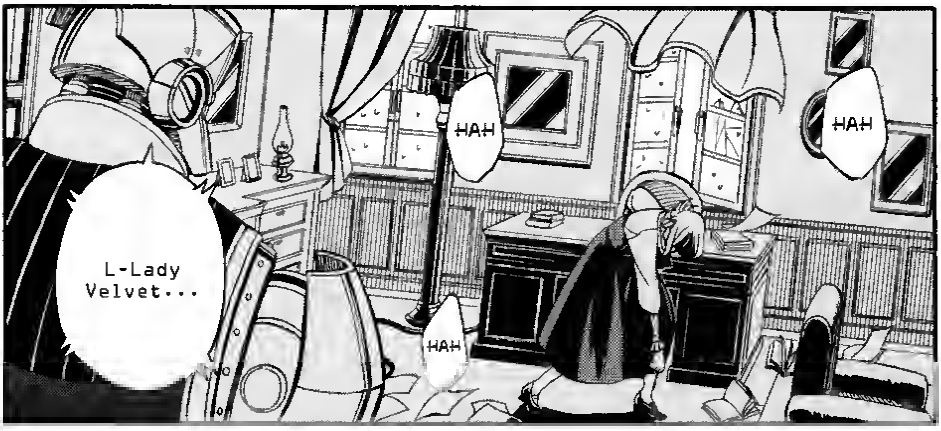

THE NEXT DAY

I'M SORRY, PLEASE FORGET THE MATTER.
I KNOW IT'S ABSURD SAYING THIS NOW, BUT...
SO...YOU'RE GOING TO JUST DISCARD THE CONTRACT?


WAIT, COLONEL!
COLONEL BAIRD!!
TIMES HAVE CHANGED. YOU SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED IN THIS ANYMORE.

DAMN YOU...
...

GOD DAMN YOU ALL!
DAMN
DAMN


L-Lady Velvet...
HAH
HAH
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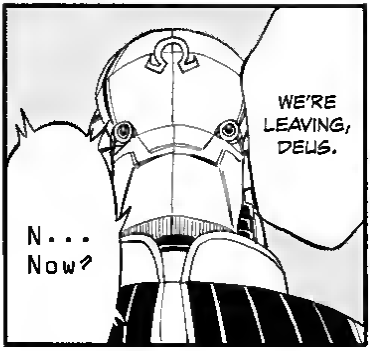

WE'RE LEAVING, DEUS.
N... Now?

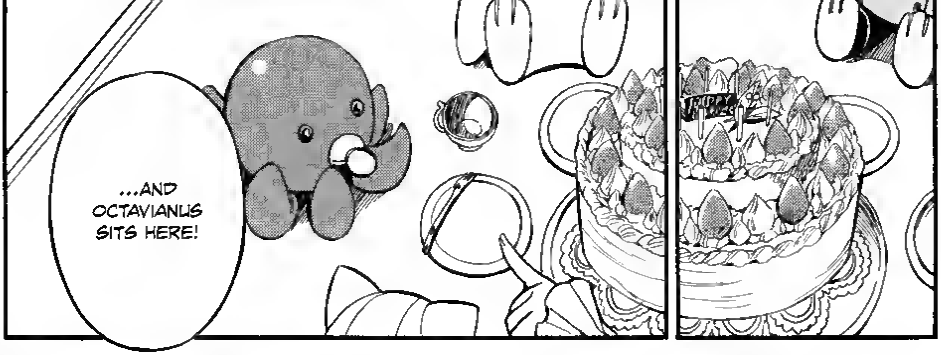
IS THERE A PROBLEM?

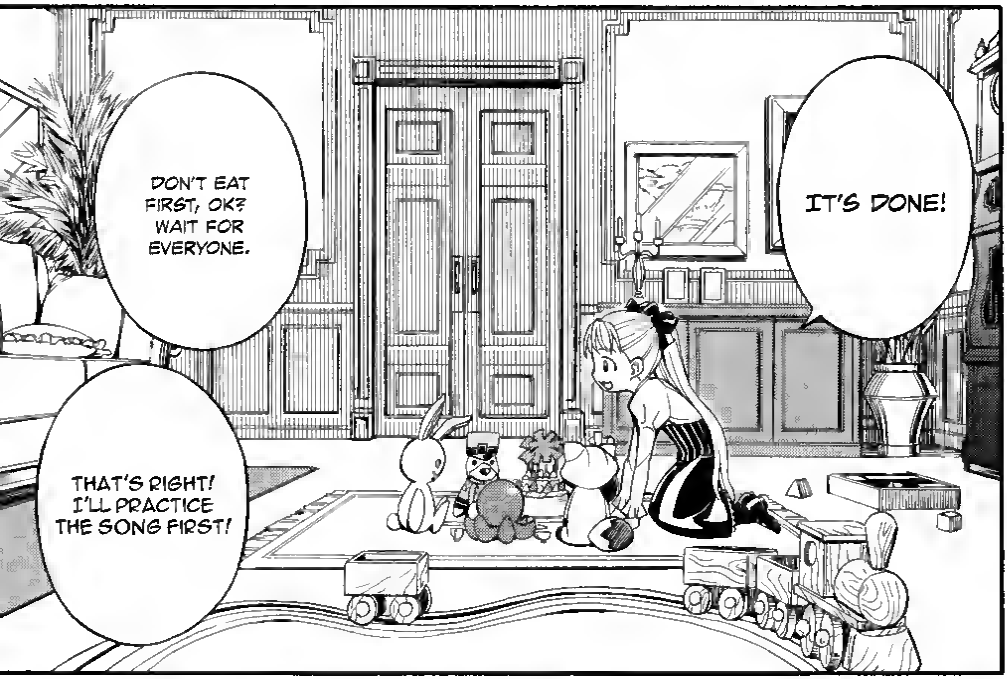
...IT SEEMS THAT I'LL HAVE TO LET YOU ALL KNOW...
WHO THE REAL RULER IS.

I'LL CORRECT EVERYTHING THAT SAYS OTHERWISE.
THAT'S RIGHT...
THAT IS YOUR PURPOSE.
YOU JUST HAVE TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS.
N-No.
THE MILITARY!
THAT GIRL!
THIS ENTIRE COUNTRY, TOO!
EVERYONE IS JUST A DOLL, TO DANCE ON MY STAGE!

OF MY PURGE
THIS IS THE START

REVOLUTION
THE BEGINNING OF A





SFX: DOOR OPENING

DEUS!
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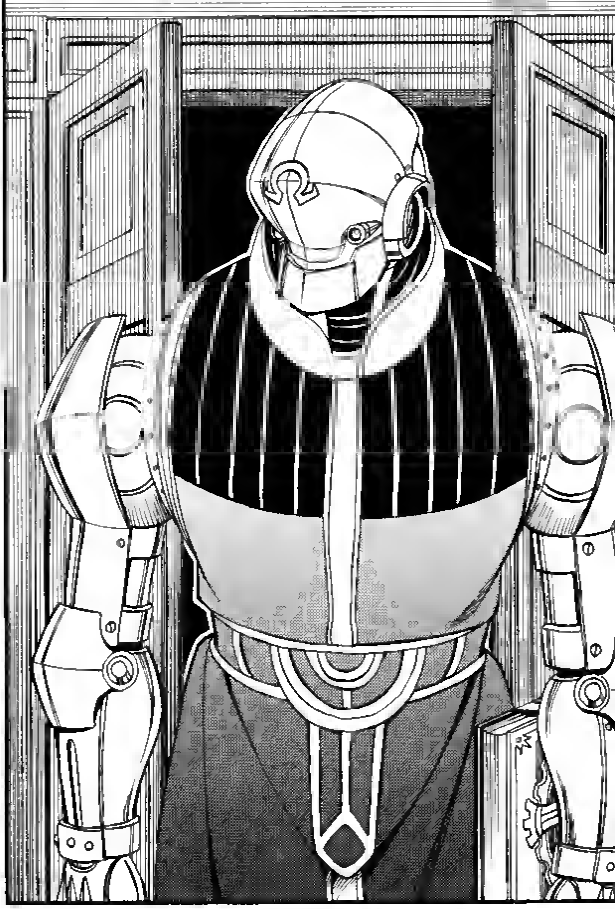
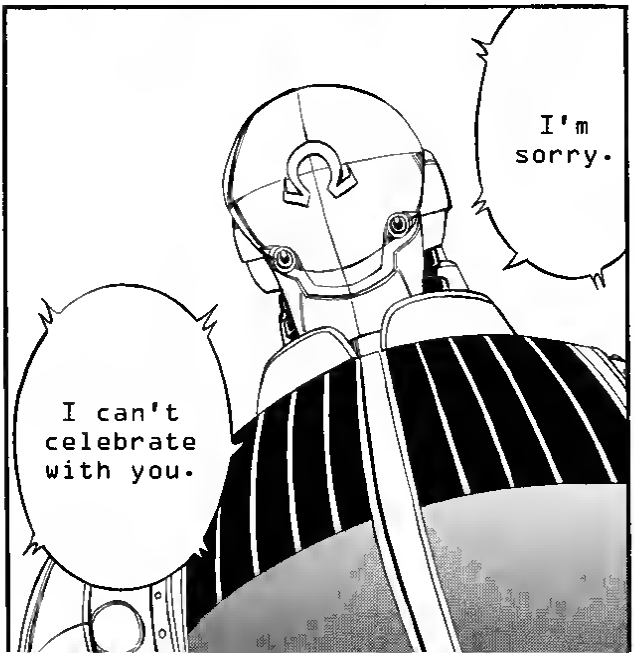
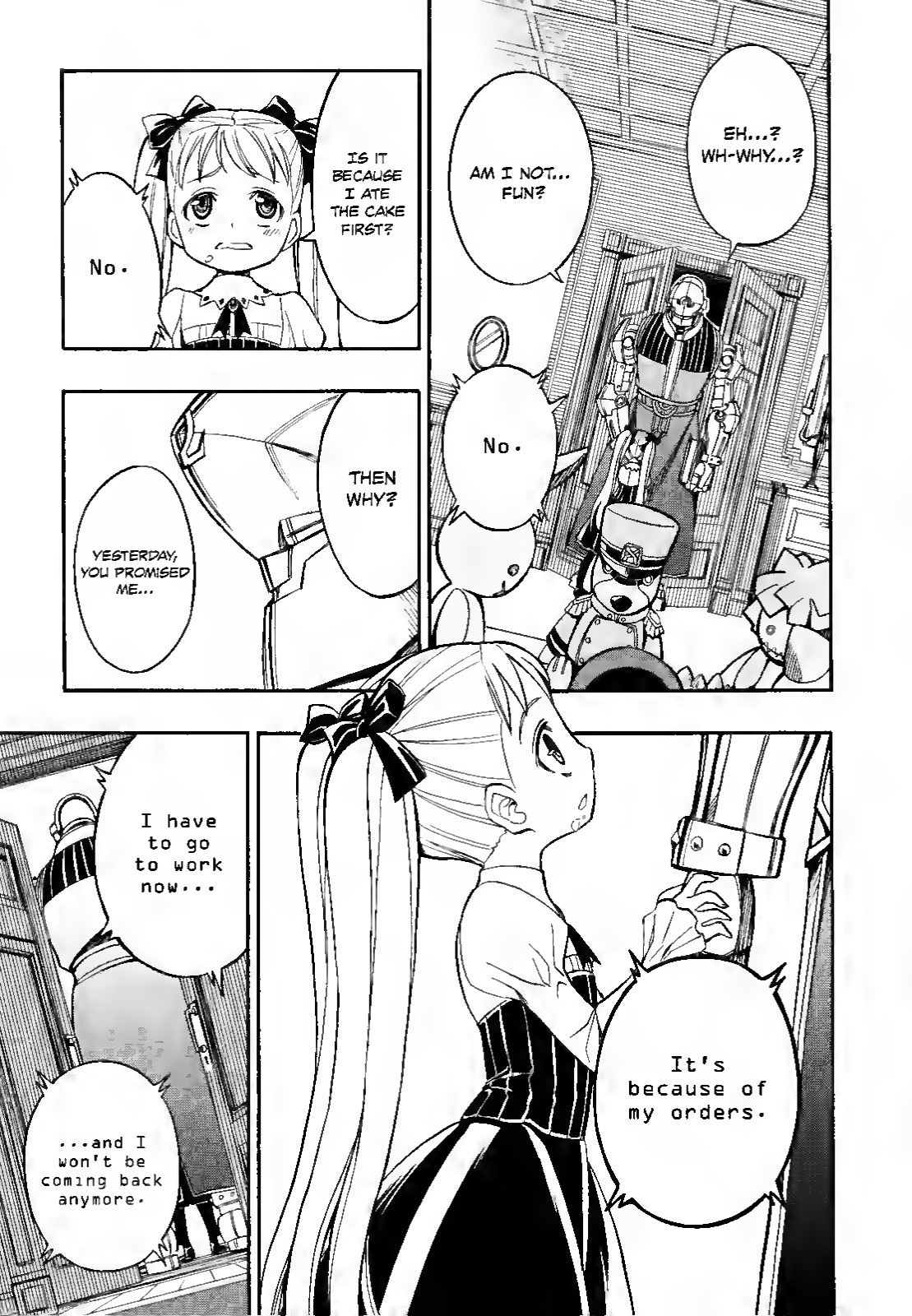
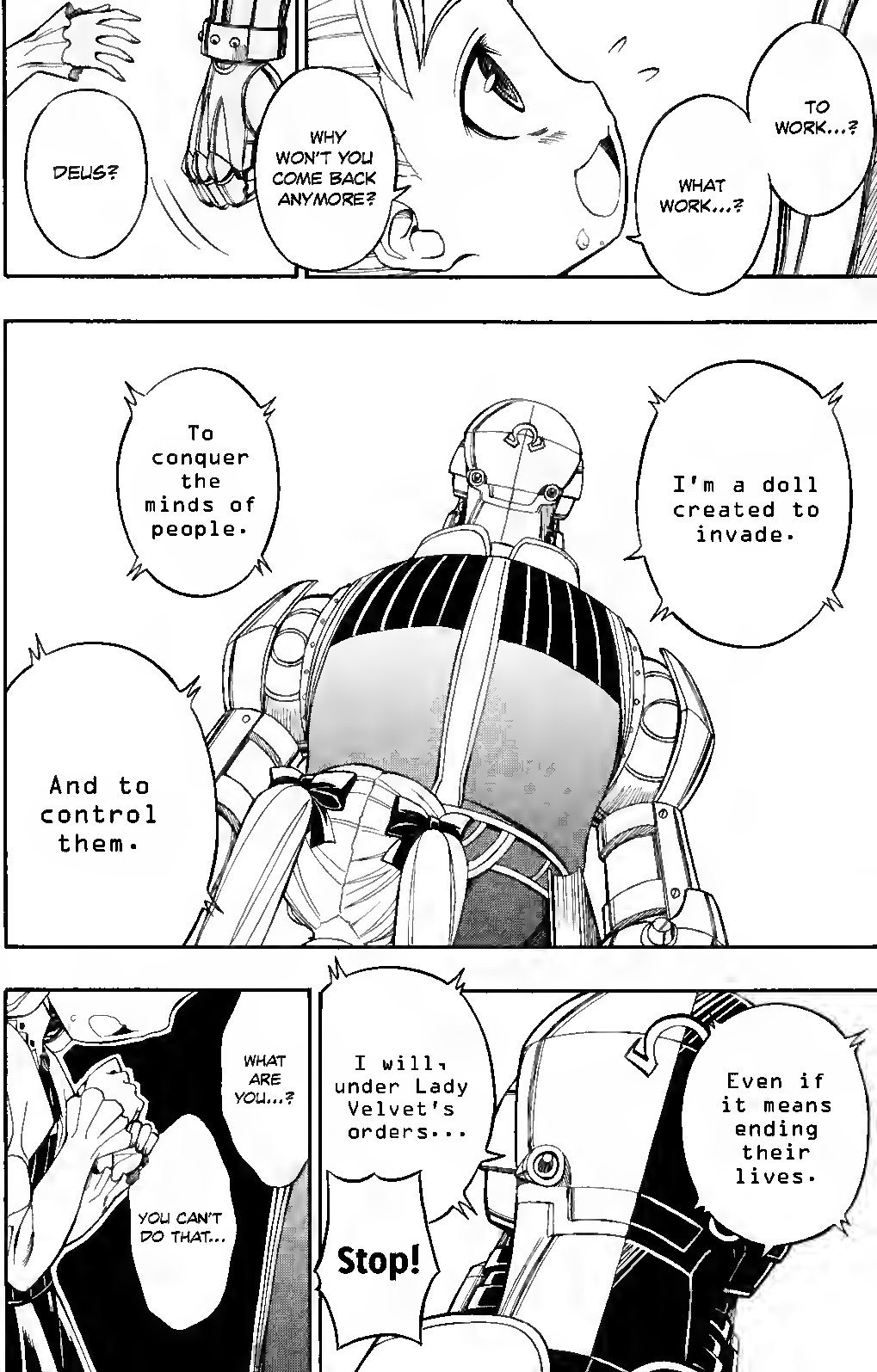
YOU'RE LATE! WE WERE WAITING, YOU KNOW.
LET'S GET STARTED!



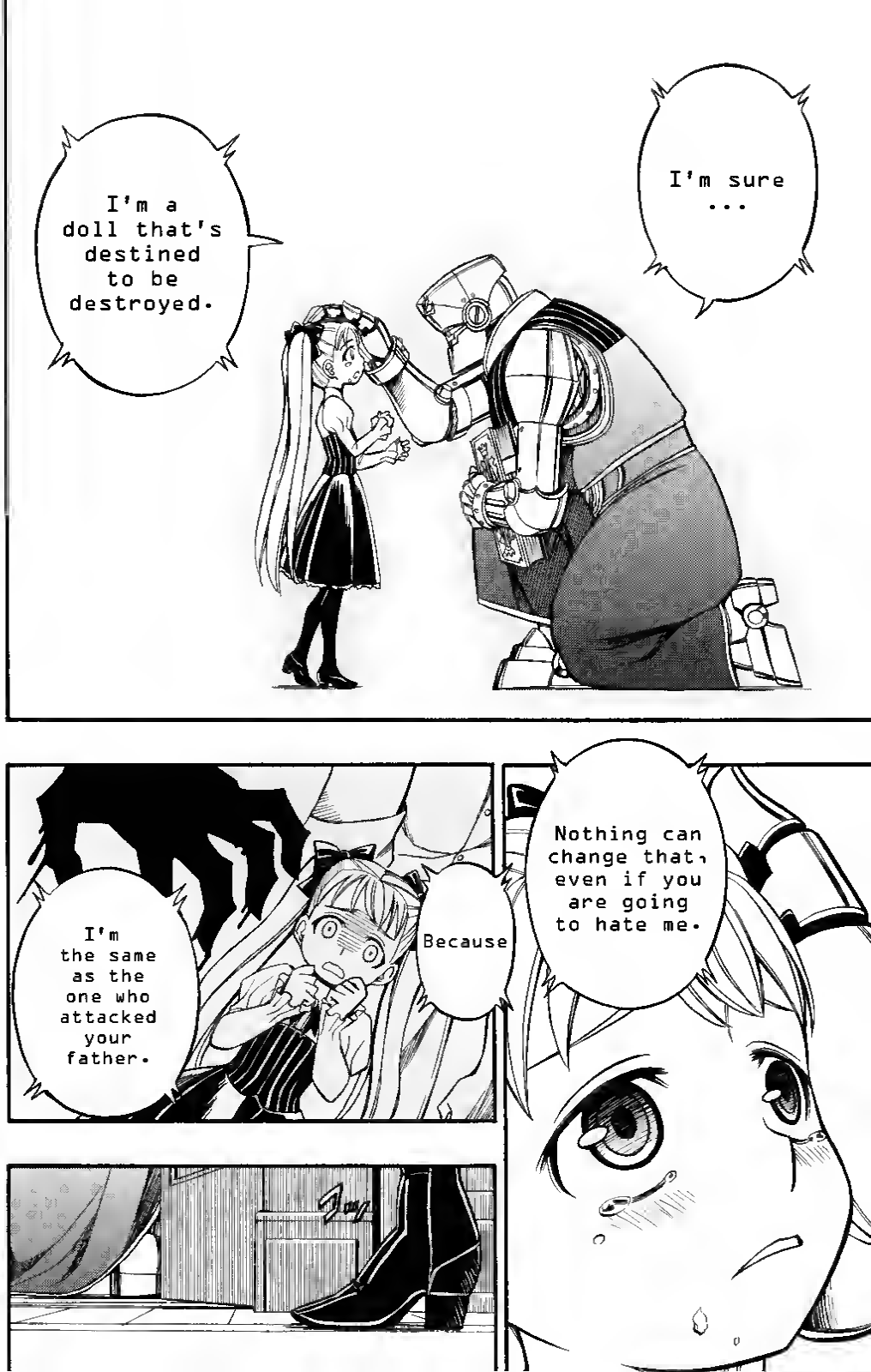

I'm sorry.
I can't celebrate with you.

DEU...


EH...? WH-WHY...?
AM I NOT... FUN?
No.
IS IT BECAUSE I ATE THE CAKE FIRST?
No.
THEN WHY?
YESTERDAY, YOU PROMISED ME...
It's because of my orders.
I have to go to work now...
...and I won't be coming back anymore.


DEUS?
WHY WON'T YOU COME BACK ANYMORE?
WHAT WORK...?
TO WORK...?
To conquer the minds of people.
I'm a doll created to invade.
And to control them.
WHAT ARE YOU...?
YOU CAN'T DO THAT...
I will, under Lady Velvet's orders...
Stop!
Even if it means ending their lives.

That's not something you should do!
Yeah! Something that hurts other people...
YOU CAN'T ACCEPT AN ORDER LIKE THAT!
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I'M SURE IT'S FOR SOMETHING BAD RIGHT!?
...Something bad?
WE'RE GONNA DESTROY YOU, MONSTER!
What will you do with me?
PLEASE DON'T DO SOMETHING BAD...
DON'T GO, PLEASE STAY WITH ME!
That's right, Lady Machina.
THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BE DESTROYED?

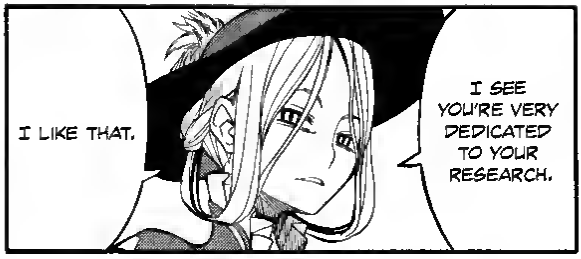

I'm a doll that's destined to be destroyed.
I'm sure ...
I'm the same as the one who attacked your father.
Because
Nothing can change that, even if you are going to hate me.

WA... WAIT...!
ARE YOU FINISHED? WE'RE LEAVING NOW.
Y-yes, Ma'am.
DEUS...
WHY...?

I WAS READY TO DISCUSS A BUSINESS NEGOTIATION.

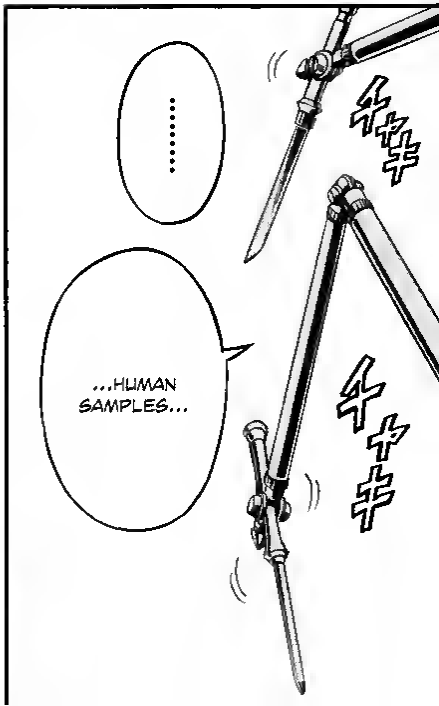
YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR ME?

YOU SERVED IN THE MILITARY, CORRECT?



I SEE YOU'RE VERY DEDICATED TO YOUR RESEARCH.

I LIKE THAT.



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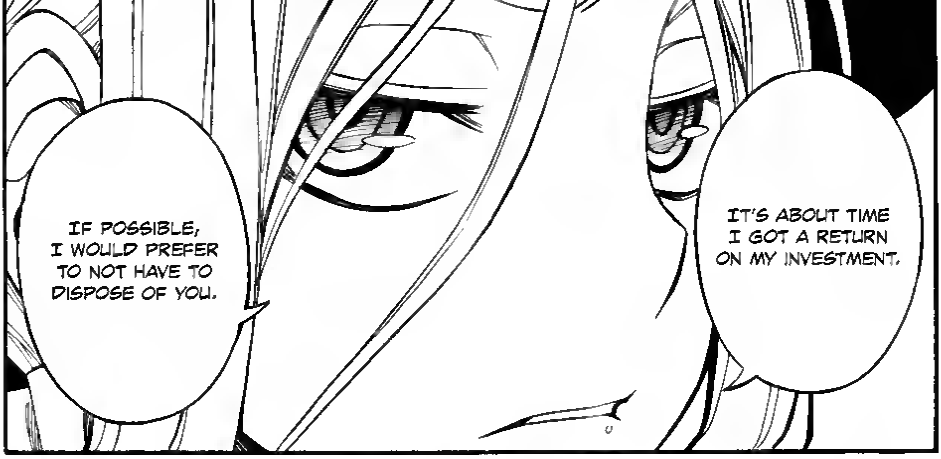
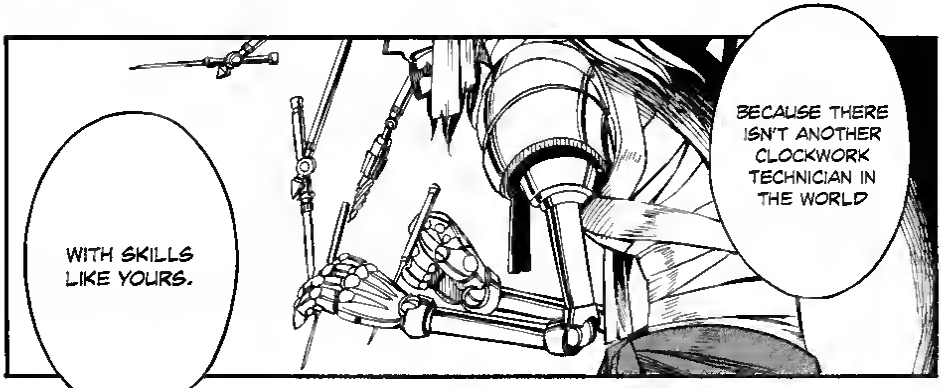
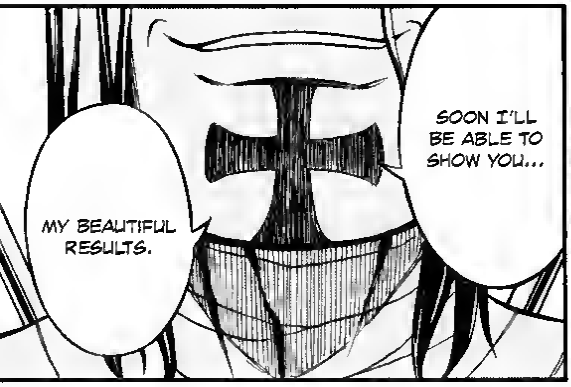
...HUMAN SAMPLES...

BUT IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE I HID YOU HERE,

AND GAVE YOU YOUR NEW LIMBS.


IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD PREFER TO NOT HAVE TO DISPOSE OF YOU.
IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT A RETURN ON MY INVESTMENT.


WITH SKILLS LIKE YOURS.
BECAUSE THERE ISN'T ANOTHER CLOCKWORK TECHNICIAN IN THE WORLD


MY BEAUTIFUL RESULTS.
SOON I'LL BE ABLE TO SHOW YOU...

EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTHLY, MISTRESS.
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I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
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VALENTINE

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR "BOUNDLESS CONTROL."

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